

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
NORTHERN DIVISION**

WILLIAM JOHNSON, JILL JOHNSON, and
SECOND AMENDMENT FOUNDATION,
INC.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ELIZABETH HERTELL, in her official
capacity as Director of the Michigan
Department of Health and Human Services,

Defendant.

No. 17-CV-00124-PLM-MV

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JOINT STATUS REPORT

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As directed by the Court, the parties submit this Joint Status Report.

The parties continue efforts to reach settlement to resolve Plaintiff Second Amendment claims against State Defendant. Current efforts include:

1. The drafting and promulgation of a revised Foster Family Homes and Foster Family Group Homes Rule 400.9415 (Rule 415).
2. Implementation of various training measures.
3. A settlement agreement which would include a resolution of Plaintiffs' claim for attorney's fees or an agreement to place said issue before the Court.

The Amended Rule 415 – as approved by Plaintiffs and State Defendant – is one of the 42 amended rules awaiting promulgation within the Michigan Foster Family Homes and Foster Family Group Homes rule set. For reasons not involving Rule 415, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) temporarily withdrew this rule set from pending promulgation after review by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR). JCAR “consists of 5 members of the senate and 5 members of the house of representatives.” MCL 24.235. MDHHS anticipates resubmitting this rule set in November, 2022 in accord with the Michigan Administrative Procedures Act, MCL 24.201, *et seq.*

Additionally, MDHHS is determining whether Rule 415 may be eligible for promulgation independent from inclusion with the aforementioned Foster Family Home and Foster Family Group Home Rules set for resubmission.

Considering MDHHS intends to resubmit the amended Michigan Foster Family Homes and Foster Family Group Homes Rules, including Rule 415, the parties suggest a follow-up status report deadline of September 2, 2022.

Date: August 1, 2022

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